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Behind the title: Athletics Director Pete Boone, Part II

The Daily Mississippian sat down with Athletics Director Pete Boone for a two-part series. Part I took a first-look at Boone and his 2001 book, "The Perfect Plan." Today, Part II examines Boone's role as athletic director and how he has handled recent criticism.



PETRE THOMAS | The Daily Mississippian

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Lately, Ole Miss athletics director Pete Boone has been a target for the media, and it is

well-known that the fan-based organization Forward Rebels has posted advertisements calling for Boone's resignation. He said one of his least favorite parts of the job is the

instant communication in today's society and how hard it is to deal with, as busy as he is. He said it is to the point of being unhealthy.

When asked, Boone opened himself up about the way he deals with the intense criticism directed at him. Without becoming defensive in his tone, Boone said it does not bother him personally.

"The thing that disturbs me is the damage that it's doing to Ole Miss, and it's doing some damage," Boone said. "There's no basis for anything that (Forward Rebels) is talking about. We need to be together. And that doesn't mean that everybody's got to agree with me or that doesn't mean I don't need to change my mind on some things, but we have a pretty good process of decision-making that's not all Pete Boone."

Boone also discussed the issue of dealing with budgets. He explained his responsibility to make sure Ole Miss

does what it needs to do for the future, not just for the moment, and he said his banking background has helped him do that.

As much as he said didn't want to, Boone admitted he is a fan, too.

As for his favorite part of the job as athletics director, Boone had two answers.

"I think it's the people and the staff, seeing accomplishments and seeing people working together and getting things done. And people feeling good about things that they've accomplished and seeing success from the student-athlete's standpoint."

However, Boone professed he doesn't believe he has the luxury of planning just for the moment, but he said that he must plan for the future of all the programs.

"So many things have so many multiple layers of issues before the final decision is made," Boone said.

This August, the adminis-

tration released the Forward Together \$150 million capital campaign to build a new basketball arena and to bowl in the football stadium in the coming years. In just over two months since the announcement, the athletic department has raised over \$25 million.

"We have a strategic plan," Boone said. "They've said we've got no vision, we've had a strategic plan for three years. We update it, we're accountable to it. All of our contracts that we sign, we put on our website so people can see them."

For Boone, there is nothing to hide, and he said the administration tries hard to be as visible and transparent as possible.

"So you know there's nothing that goes on that is in anything but Ole Miss' best interest, but that is what bothers me about these kind of things," he said. "It's not going to help re-

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NBA cancels first two weeks of season

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA Commissioner David Stern canceled the first two weeks of the season Monday after owners and players were unable to reach a new labor deal and end the lockout.

Top negotiators for both sides met for more than seven hours Monday, returning to bargaining about 14 hours after ending talks Sunday night.

Stern said both sides are "very far apart on virtually all issues. ... We just have a gulf that separates us."

The cancellation includes all games scheduled to be played through Nov. 14.

"Despite extensive efforts, we



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NBA Commissioner David Stern canceled the first two weeks of the season Monday.

have not been able to reach a new agreement with the players' union that allows all 30 teams to be able to compete for a championship while fairly compensating our players," NBA Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver said in a statement.

With another work stoppage, the NBA risks alienating a fan base that sent the league's revenues and TV ratings soaring during the 2010-11 season. And the loss of the first two weeks of games - will hurt workers with

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ASB prepares to update and introduce new website

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A new Associated Student Body website has been in the works since late July and is already showing promise of higher quality than its predecessor, according to ASB developers.

While not complete, some changes have already been made to the site. The website's new features include a direct link to the ASB's twitter page, a weekly trivia question, a 'Get Involved' section to give students more ability to interact with the student body, said ASB director of communications Kimberly Dandridge.

The idea for the new website was drafted in May and entered the execution phase in July. As of September, content was being added and changes were being made to the flash images and JavaScript.

The old website, which sport-

ed basic formatting and templates, was long overdue for a change Dandridge said.

"(The old website) needed a lot of improvement to get students more attracted to the website in order to allow students to know what we're doing, and they can make sure we're doing what we need to be doing on campus," Dandridge said.

Other students believe the new website to be a step in the right direction as well.

Lauren Mcmillin, journalism major, said she felt the website would help inform and encourage involvement between students.

"I think that the change is good," McMillin said. "I think that an updated and more interactive website would not only inform students, but encourage them to find more ways to be

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Becoming Jon Haywood



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It's not commonplace for a guy to change his last name, but that's exactly what I did a few months ago. A judge in Bolivar County granted my request to legally change my name to "Jontarius Haywood" from the original "Jontarius Mosby" on Aug. 17. Of course, professionally I'll be known as Jon Haywood. For the past two years, I have been seriously considering taking my father's last name, after having been born out of wedlock.

I was hesitant about the idea of using a new name after considering all the work I have written and produced over the past two years as Jon Mosby. After all, when potential employers attempt to do a Google search for Jon Haywood, they won't find much. Despite my professional concerns with using a new name, I ultimately decided to take my father's name for personal reasons. My mom got married in 2005 and took her husband's last name, as most women do. So that meant I no longer shared a name with either of my parents. I felt awkward. But even earlier than that, I didn't like not sharing a name with my dad. Living in a small town that's located next to several other small towns, I hated

having to explain my family dynamics, and where I fell in line on the family tree. To make matters worse, the Haywood family is huge. We're probably half the population of Bolivar County. Although I've always felt I was a welcomed member of my father's family, I hated not having that name. I wanted to be easily recognized as a member of the Haywood family, a large, black family with roots running throughout the South and Midwest and with an incredible sense of history. My great-great-great grandfather Adam Haywood was from Florida, and many of his family members settled in, of all places, Mississippi. After the end of the last spring semester, I hired an at-

torney in Cleveland to handle all of the arrangements and legal mumbo-jumbo concerning my name change. And if you thought something like this would be easy, you were wrong. Oh, no, I couldn't just sign a few papers here and there. In order for me to legally use my father's name, I had to be legally legitimized, which may sound like a bit of an oxymoron, but in the state of Mississippi, it's a very real legal concept. The state has statutes on the books for situations like mine. Section one of that statute reads, "The chancery court or the chancellor in vacation, of the county of the residence of the petitioners shall have jurisdiction upon the petition of any person to alter the names

of such person, to make legitimate any living offspring of the petitioner not born in wedlock, and to decree said offspring to be an heir of the petitioner." So after three months of my dad having to drive two hours away from his home to Bolivar County for two or three separate court appearances and \$1,000 worth of attorney's fees and court fees, I have a brand spanking new name. And in case you're wondering, my dad's name is John Haywood. Good thing he's not a journalist. *Jon Haywood is a junior journalism major from Shelby. Follow him on Twitter @jonHYWD and "like" him at facebook.com/jon-haywood1.*

Getting up and letting go: focus on what you can control



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Like most college students, I have a lot on my plate. Though juggling 19 hours, an internship and membership in several clubs and organizations (all while trying to have some semblance of a social life) can be challenging at times, I wouldn't have it any other way. We've all, at some point in our lives, felt like we were drowning. Whether it is because of school, family issues, relationship problems or something else entirely, that feeling of

absolute exhaustion and defeat is something that is familiar to us all. I've been there a few times over my past two years at Ole Miss and let me tell you, it really sucks. But stress is a part of life, and conflict is something that will always face us, no matter how we might try to avoid it. Oddly enough, one of the most important things I have learned in college has nothing to do with hard work or perseverance. It is when to give up. Whereas some people run from conflict and others relish it, I have always tried to fix it. If I ever got in a fight with a friend, I would work it out. If I received a bad grade on an essay or test, I would go in during my professor's office hours.

Whenever I had a problem, I would go to lengths to find a solution, even if it meant sacrificing something on my part. But during the spring semester of my freshman year, I learned the hard way that you can only spread yourself so thin. No matter how hard I tried to fix those "conflicts" in my life, there were some things just not worth saving. As cliché as it might sound, it was my mother who gave me the best advice of my life: Focus on what you can control. It sounds so simple, but the only thing you have absolute control over in life is yourself. You can't control the actions of those around you any more than you can change a bad grade on a test after it has al-

ready been handed back, but it is completely within your power to determine what is "worth it" in life and what is not. If you aren't happy with your grade in a class, there are plenty of things that you can do to change it. Mulling over your self-pity is not going to make your GPA any better; use it as incentive to do what you have to in order to rebound off a poor exam. This is one of those things that — more often than not — is always worth the extra effort. But beyond academia, sometimes things are so far beyond your control that it is best to cut your losses and move on. This is probably most applicable when it comes to people, friendships and relationships,

but it can pertain to many other facets of life as well. Now I am not trying to say that we should all throw our hands up when things get tough or when we get stressed out. But when we find that other areas of our lives are suffering because of circumstances we are powerless to change, we have to make the decision that is best for us. Cutting out those unsalvageable pieces of our lives allows us to redirect our attention to the areas that we can control. Life doesn't come with an owner's manual. It isn't failure. It isn't defeat. It is you, learning what is important. *Lexi Thoman is junior international studies and Spanish double-major from St. Louis, Mo.*

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to the letter to the editor from Tanner Berryhill of Waco, Texas, which appeared in the Daily Mississippian on September 30th.

In his letter, Mr. Berryhill expressed a viewpoint that I strongly disagree with, stating Ole Miss has abandoned its traditions and that Chancellor Dan Jones has “taken a school rich with tradition and turned it into a school with no heart.”

Under ordinary circumstances, I would accept that letter as just one man’s opinion and leave it at that. However, as Tanner Berryhill has a business association with my company, Newk’s Express Cafe, I feel compelled to respond. Furthermore, the signature of Mr. Berryhill’s letter has caused some of our customers to mistakenly believe that he is COO of Newk’s. He is not.

I was raised here in Oxford, Mississippi. My father, Dr. Don Newcomb, moved to Oxford in 1972 to open a dental practice, and we have partnered together in the restaurant business since 1989. We founded McAlister’s Deli, along with our partner, Debra Bryson, right here in Oxford.

Then, 15 years later, we opened the original Newk’s Express Cafe, also here in Oxford. My father and I both attended Ole Miss. We have supported the University for decades, and we remain proud

of our association with Ole Miss.

Tanner Berryhill is a franchisee — the Chief Operating Officer of AB Dining LLC, a company that owns four Newk’s franchisees in Texas. We have 40 restaurants throughout nine states and 30 of them are owned by franchisees. Let me make it very clear that Mr. Berryhill is not employed by our company. He does not speak for the Newk’s Express Cafe organization, and his opinions do not reflect those of our company’s leadership.

I found the tone of Tanner Berryhill’s letter to be offensive and demeaning, in particular, his comments directed toward the Chancellor and Athletic Director Pete Boone. I know both to be men of outstanding character, and Pete happens to be a personal friend of our family. They certainly do not merit the harsh accusations of this letter.

I have personally spoken to Mr. Berryhill regarding this matter and have made my position very clear with him. If any of your readers have any concerns regarding our company’s loyalty and support for Ole Miss and its programs, they may contact me directly.

Sincerely Yours,

Chris Newcomb
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McAffrey among university's best advisors

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Dr. David J. McCaffrey III said he became a pharmacist to help people. While his career path changed from helping patients to students, he is exceeding at his goal, as he was recently recognized by the University of Mississippi's Pharmacy school by receiving an award for Excellence in Advising. McCaffrey has been part of the Ole Miss staff since 1996, when he was hired as an assistant professor. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a B.S.Ph., and from there he joined the Ole Miss family for graduate school in the Department of Pharmacy Administration, where he graduated with a M.S. and Ph.D. He has come a long way since his days as an assistant professor, and he is currently responsible for teaching the So-

cial and Behavioral Aspects of Pharmacy Practice in the professional pharmacy program, Primary Data Techniques, and electives in patient medication consumption behaviors and marketing for pharmacists. When advising students, McCaffrey keeps things simple by sticking to two important things: honesty and motivation. Because the pre-pharmacy curriculum is so challenging, students are sometimes discouraged and need to be reminded that they are talented and have what it takes to succeed. McCaffrey said motivation comes easy when working with his students, but honesty can be a challenge at times. McCaffrey said the hardest part of being an advisor is the moment right before he tells someone that it is in their best interest to change their major from pre-pharmacy. "I became a pharmacist in order to help people," McCaf-

frey said. "While my career changed from pharmacy practice to academia, my desire to help people did not. Academic advising is natural extension of what I love doing — interacting with and helping students." When advising a student, McCaffrey advises them to treat their education as if it were a regular day job. In order to succeed, students must get up, get ready and get out of their dorm or apartment. "Just because you do not have a class does not mean that you are 'off the job,'" he said. "You commit to your job as a student, and you will be surprised by how much time you will have to commit to your college experience." The School of Pharmacy advisors are a tight-knit group, in which information is shared back and forth so that all of the advisors can stay up-to-date on issues or concerns about the students. It's no surprise that McCaf-

frey's favorite memory from his time at Ole Miss involves one of his students; a young lady he advised from the beginning of her freshman year, all the way through her journey into pharmacy school. "My favorite memory is seeing a student that I met as a freshman earn her Ph.D.," he said. "I remember her being so different from any freshman that I had ever met." McCaffrey said he hopes to be part of the Ole Miss community and continue helping students for as long as Ole Miss will have him and as long as he believes he can make a meaningful contribution to the university's mission. "My family and I have come to love the Ole Miss and Oxford communities," he said. "I have yet to see an opportunity for my family and I that is better than what we have here." McCaffrey doesn't think he does anything different from the other advisors, especially

in the School of Pharmacy. He feels humbled about winning the excellence in advising award and claims his success as an advisor is a direct result of the outstanding colleagues who are also advisors, the tremendous support from Dr. Marvin Wilson, the Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, and his staff, and to everyone who supports the activities within the School of Pharmacy. "We have so many dedicated faculty and professionals who advise students at Ole Miss; it makes my selection all the more special," McCaffrey said. Other personal achievements McCaffrey has earned during his time here include the School of Pharmacy Faculty Service Award in 2000 and 2010, Teacher of the Year for the School of Pharmacy in 2010, and the Dean's Advisory Committee Distinguished Teaching Scholar this past year.

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involved in school. It would help them find more ways to do it." Jared Morris, a senior psychology major, said the website would help give him a voice in what is going on. "I think it would be a great idea," Morris said. "It would

make me feel like my voice is being heard. I would feel more involved in what goes on here at Ole Miss." The complete version of the website, dos.olemiss.edu/org/umasb, is expected to be launched in early November.

Recognizing Excellence: Drew Clinton

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Ole Miss graduate and athletic advisor Drew Clinton is being recognized for his hard work in advising the student athletes that he works with. Clinton, who recently received one of the 2011-2012 Excellence in Advising awards, is most involved in women's basketball, women's softball, and women's volleyball and works with students to help them declare a major. Clinton said this job was not his first choice. Six years ago, Clinton was a college coach looking to change jobs when Carol Ross, the women's basketball coach for Ole Miss at the time, told him about advising. "It was purely by accident," Clinton said. Cliton said Ross sold him on the idea of athletic advising, describing it as being not just a coach, but an academic coach.

Clinton said the most rewarding thing in advising is when a student figures it out. Deciding what you want to do with your life is not an easy decision, and being involved in a sport at the same time can only complicate things, especially through freshman and sophomore year. "When I'm able to back away and know that they're still going to be successful on their own," Clinton said. "But the most rewarding thing is to see them graduate." Clinton said the majority of his work consists of meetings, both with staff and students, and the meetings can last anywhere from five minutes to an hour. "Some weeks they come in on top of everything, and the next week that same student may come in and want to stay and talk for an hour because they're overwhelmed or confused," Clinton said. It is this level of unsurpassed

personal devotion that has gotten Clinton recognized for this outstanding performance in working with students. Clinton said even with all of its benefits, the hardest part is stepping away and letting the student decide for themselves what kind of person they will be. "Letting them either sink or swim — you hope they'll swim but you also hope they'll learn a valuable lesson if they don't," Clinton said. Clinton said he feels that the student athletes with good academic standings don't get the attention they deserve, often falling under the stereotype of jock and only getting real publicity when something goes wrong. Instead of honoring the hundreds of student athletes on the academic honor roll, he said we usually hear about the slip ups. Drew Clinton puts the students he works with first, spending as much time with them as is needed.

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Oxford's first science café takes flight at Luna Pastry Café

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Tonight the Oxford community will be blinded by science. Oxonians of all ages interested in discussing science topics will have an opportunity to take part in the newly-created Science Café every third Tuesday of the month at the Luna Pastry Café on North Lamar Boulevard.

The idea of the Oxford Science Café was created by Marco Cavaglia, associate professor of physics and astronomy at the University of Mississippi, after he was asked to present at a science café in North Carolina.

"Science cafés are now very popular around the world," Cavaglia said. "I was a little bit skeptical at first, but then I saw it's very nice because people are relaxed when discussing science. So I said, 'Let's try Oxford!'"

The university will sponsor the event through the department of physics and astronomy, which has given money for the café. The pharmacy school and biology department have also helped in getting logistics together for the Oxford Science Café.

At each meeting, a different presenter will speak about a topic in science. For October's meeting, Josh Gladden will speak on

"Airplanes to Turbulence to Dark Energy" or in simpler terms, how an airplane flies.

Gladden will relate how airplanes fly to the researchers studying dark energy and cosmology who just won the Nobel Prize in physics.

These meetings are geared toward everyone and are suitable for children and students. No difficult math will be shown and demonstrations may be used to engage the audience to help people better understand.

Luna Pastry Café was chosen for the location in order to incorporate all age groups. Cavaglia said he wanted a location that is

both child and adult friendly, and he said he thought Luna Pastry Café would be the perfect spot.

"Mainly science cafés are held in pubs or bars, but I wanted a place where kids could also come," he said. "Lusa has been very supportive."

He also said the Oxford Science Café hopes to teach science in a more informal, friendly environment where people can ask questions without being intimidated.

Cavaglia said he also hopes to teach about different topics in science without too much math or problem solving, so that everyone can enjoy the sessions without

feeling that they are sitting in a lecture.

"It will be fun and I hope that people will start coming," he said. "It's a different way of doing science other than in the classroom. Also, Lusa has very good pastries, which is another reason to come to the science café."

November's topic for the Oxford Science Café will be black holes and neutron stars.

The event will be held at Lusa Pastry Café from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The first half hour will be devoted to a science talk, and the second half will be reserved for questions and discussion from the audience.

EDF attracts business to Lafayette County

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Putting Oxford on the map is one of the Oxford-Lafayette County's Economic Development Foundation's primary missions.

Oxford was recently listed in *Where To Retire* magazine as one of the nation's top retirement cities. Polycom placed Oxford at 26 out of 576 in micropolitan areas for 2011. A micropolitan area contains an urban core of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000 people, according to www.census.gov.

The foundation develops and promotes Oxford's many assets while working to create and retain jobs and capitalizing on unique opportunities presented by the University of Mississippi through entrepreneurship and technology, foundation vice president Christy Knapp said.

Knapp said a big project for the foundation was recruiting the North Mississippi Veterans Home, which created 125 new jobs and was an \$8 million investment. The foundation is teaming up with the Oxford Enterprise Center to bring Toyota and GE Aviation to North Mississippi as well.

"Continuing to preserve and improve Oxford-Lafayette County's quality of life and cultural heritage also remains at the forefront of EDF's mission and program of work," Knapp said.

The foundation also sponsors the Oxford Retiree Attraction Program, which was sponsored in 1993 and has garnered national recognition in the business and retirement news media. Oxford was featured in *Money*, *Fortune* and *The New York Times*, as well as on *MSNBC* and *CNBC*.

The foundation helps Ole Miss students in several ways, Knapp said, by partnering with the UM Small Business Development

Center to assist upcoming entrepreneurs with hands-on guidance to start a new business or expand an existing small business.

"Their partnership with EDF will aid in linking area industries with the CME for mutual support and collaboration," Knapp said.

A second project involves working with the Center for Manufacturing Excellence and will include the training of engineers who also have a business management or accounting background.

"The EDF works with and partners with many UM departments to further economic development for the Lafayette-Oxford-University community, otherwise known as 'LOU,'" Knapp said.

"The division of outreach collaborates outreach to the Japanese community and the North Mississippi Japanese Supplementary School at UM."

However, the foundation is not to be confused with the Oxford-Lafayette Chamber of Commerce. Although the chamber and foundation have two different purposes, they are closely related and complement each other.

"The EDF has been blessed to work with outstanding boards of directors along with city and county officials since 1992," Knapp said.

"They have assisted EDF staff in facilitating over \$180 million in new investments and recruiting new industries such as Caterpillar and Olin-Winchester, generating over \$160 million and the creation of over 2,300 jobs."

The foundation held its fourth annual Business and Industry Appreciation Golf Classic on Friday as a way to say "thank you" to Oxford's industries and employers.

"It's a way to give back to the investments they make, the locals they employ, the taxes they pay and what they contribute to social service organizations," Knapp said.

Second Annual Out of the Darkness Walk hopes to raise suicide awareness at UM

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On Nov. 5, the University of Mississippi will host the second annual Out of the Darkness Community Walk in the Lyceum Circle.

The walk's goal is to aid in suicide awareness and prevention. Registration starts at 8 a.m., opening ceremonies begin at 9 a.m., and the 1.5-mile walk through campus starts at 9:30 a.m.

Following the walk, participants are welcome to enjoy food, live music and conversation as well as hear mental health experts from the university and community speak.

Suicide awareness is important because suicide is a serious problem. Suicide ranks as the third leading cause of death for young people ages 15-24. Within those age groups, there are approximately 12 suicides every day.

Someone under the age of 25 commits suicide every 2.18 hours, said Laura Flegle, public relations co-chair of Out of the Darkness and assistant manager

of the Psychological Services Center on campus.

"These figures are especially relevant to Oxford because it is a college town, and a large portion of our population is between 15 and 24 years old," she said.

Between 2005 and 2007, suicide was the third leading cause of death in Mississippi for the ages 10-24, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. There were 146 reported.

The activities being held at this event are designed to create an atmosphere where people can share their stories and access helpful resources, if needed.

"Many people are not aware that there are many resources available on campus and in the surrounding area to offer assistance to people in times of need," Flegle said. "The walk is an event that stimulates discussion, enhances awareness and promotes healing and empowerment. Several mental health professionals will be on hand the day of the walk to provide information and consultation."

Last year was the first year the

walk was held in Oxford. There were 353 participants and approximately \$12,000 was raised for awareness and intervention efforts.

"The most important aspect of the walk is raising awareness and funds to help educate people about suicide and depression, as well as to provide the appropriate resources so that people may receive assistance when they need it," Flegle said.

Others involved with putting on this event are the psychology department, the Psychological Services Center, the clinical-disaster research collaborative and Psi Chi, the honor society for psychology majors. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is also collaborating with the event.

Register at www.outofthedarkness.org for free.

"Any proceeds from the walk will aid in bringing the necessary resources and education to the North Mississippi area so that we can also work to prevent suicide," Flegle said. "Depression, which is often linked to suicide, is very treatable."

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“ Ever since my freshman year, after that first semester, I’ve just always wanted to be Colonel Reb. After actually experiencing Ole Miss, and every semester after that, I’ve been to every home game, gotten to know a lot of people on campus, of all different varieties. Just that I actually communicate with those people, and I interact with them I kind of feel that I can accurately represent The University of Mississippi in that aspect. I was a little nervous about getting started with the campaign, and I rung up an old friend of mine, Ty New, Colonel Reb last year, and he just said, ‘Hey man, I think you would definitely be great at it. So go ahead and go for the gold,’ so I just got everything turned in and here I am. ”

Alex Langhart
Colonel Reb



“ Simply put, I want to represent everyone. Throughout my campaign, I pledged to be everyone’s candidate. I know that Ole Miss is a conglomerate of so many different types of students. Regardless of Greek affiliation, country of origin, race or whatever demographic, you can think of, altogether we form that family that is Ole Miss. I truly believe it is the diversity that makes the experience truly amazing here. If you agree with me then I am your candidate. I feel that I represent Ole Miss to the highest standard. When I think of that I think of three words: fan, family and individual. I think that fan, not only for sports, also does with school because you have to be proud of your work and your work ethic. ”

Logan Rush
Colonel Reb



“ It’s a great opportunity. It’s an honor to have the chance to represent Ole Miss. The University of Mississippi is a great school, it’s a school that I love. I feel like I’m the most qualified to do that, I’ve given back, I love Ole Miss, I love the people and it’s a good change to represent the things I stand for and the organizations I stand for. I feel like I’m qualified, I feel like I’m doing it for the right reasons, not an ego boost. I’m not doing it just because it’s a popularity contest, I do feel like I’m qualified, and I feel like I’m a good person to represent Ole Miss ”



Meghan Litten
Miss Ole Miss

“ I’m running for Miss Ole Miss because Miss Ole Miss gets to choose a charity organization of the year. During my time at Ole Miss, I’ve done a lot serving others, and especially with the Boys and Girls club, raising money with them with la disco Croft. And also working with them in my time with my sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi. So people should vote for me because I want this for more than just the title. It’s more than I love Ole Miss the most, it’s genuinely I want to get to choose the charity organization because I get to to work with the director of community service, Troy Jackson, and I get to work with different aspects of the ASB and the dean of students to raise awareness and raise money and resources and go actually put some time in with the Boys and Girls Club. People should vote for me because I see this more than a title, because I think everyone loves Ole Miss a lot and that’s just not a way to define who you choose is if they love Ole Miss more, I think it’s what you’ve done here at the university and what you want to do. ”

Emily Monseur
Miss Ole Miss



“ Freshman year I started as an honors college student and a member of the women’s council. Little by little those groups encouraged me to become a part of other groups on campus, like ASB, Student Alumni Council and Cardinal Club, and I think just spending time with those groups and really trying to find different things to do yet not spreading myself too thin while making sure that everything I was doing I was really passionate about. And all the while being in those different groups, becoming friends with different people that maybe I wouldn’t have otherwise, and really keeping those friendships to this time. I think that I do represent, or try to represent everything that Ole Miss is. We all are qualified and we all represent different groups that we’re passionate about. I’m trying to just keep doing what I’m doing, representing Ole Miss the best way I can and to represent future students, past alumni and people who haven’t seen the wonderful experience that is Ole Miss, I’m just trying to convey that message to them. ”



Mary Alex Street
Miss Ole Miss

“ My family and I have grown up around the Ole Miss campus, my dad grew up in coach Johnny Vaught’s old house down the street, and my grandfather worked here his entire life. I’m really glad they’ve added a service component this year to this candidacy because I feel like for a long time you have to run on ‘Hey I’m nice vote for me.’ Now we have something more like a platform, something solid you can run on. And I really like what the chancellor has done the past year incorporating service to a good part of our campus. I think it’s great to include that in these elections. Service has been a big part of my life for the last three years that I’ve been at Ole Miss. I’ve come to find out that education is something that I really care about. I’m really happy that I’ve been able to put that passion to use. I’ve been working for Leap Frog for the past couple of years as a manger at some of the sites. I would love the opportunity as Miss Ole Miss to encourage students and have them see this as something that should be important to them and past, current and future students as well. ”

Maggie Day
Homecoming Queen



“ I’m running for homecoming queen because, like all of the candidates, I love Ole Miss. I think there is nothing in the world like Ole Miss — and I’ve seen a lot of random places in the world — and I’m still amazed that I’m always constantly excited to just get back home to Ole Miss. There is nothing like the people here, nothing like the students, the faculty, the academics — just the environment of what is Ole Miss and the University of Mississippi. Secondly, I’m running because I want to represent those groups that aren’t normally represented on campus. I don’t know that the student media center or the Arabic club or the Cardinal Club have been able to say they’ve had a homecoming queen. And I want everyone to feel like they’re as much a part of my election as my sorority, as my friends, as anyone who’s helping ”

Robin Walker
Homecoming Queen



“ I’m running for homecoming queen because my sorority decided to put me up a couple of months ago. I’m really honored that they put me up, and even more so I’m very excited that they decided to support me, and I’ve got a huge team behind me that’s so excited to run (today). Now I’m just kind of running on autopilot. I had so much fun with Lauren Childers last year. I really enjoyed it. I remember ‘School first, go to class then go to your post,’ and I remember two classes in, I decided that I was just going to stay outside. I had so much fun, but it was also the heat of August and we had music. If we can get our new pledge class pumped and some of the other people on campus that don’t know the magnitude of the campaigns and don’t know how big they are ... I’m super excited for tomorrow. ”

To vote log into your MyOleMiss account, and click on “Vote in Student Elections,” and select each individual candidate.

Voting ends at 5 p.m. The results will be read at the Lyceum at 6:30 p.m.

Run-offs, if necessary, will be held Thursday Oct. 13th

Looming graduation dates leave students wondering how to prepare



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Students talk with potential internship opportunity employees at the Internship Fair sponsored by Shoemaker Financial.

BY ELLIE TURNER
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Georgia Belvin wakes up Monday through Friday to get ready for a job she loves. It was not long ago, however, that she sat in a classroom at The University of Mississippi wondering if she would even get a job and how she would prepare for life after graduation. Experts say seniors approaching graduation should start now, if they have not already, preparing a resume, establishing a career wardrobe and practicing interview techniques in order to compete for the jobs of their dreams. “Your resume is your face on paper,” said Vera Chapman, the University of Mississippi’s career planning specialist and adjunct professor. Chapman said that employers spend less than 30 seconds looking at resumes. Since the

resume has such a short time to impress, the most important information should go first according to Chapman. University of Mississippi’s Career Center Director Toni Avant stresses the importance in the transition from student to future employee. First, students should be aware of their email address and the professional aspect it should have. According to Avant, employers often feel uncomfortable emailing an applicant if their email is inappropriate for the business world. Second, students should make sure their voicemails are professional in case an employer calls the phone number on their resume. As far as which section of your resume to focus on, Preston Bridges, a senior engineering student, said he has been told that the “experience” portion of a resume is the most important.

“It shows what you have done, not just what you could possibly do,” Bridges said. With help from the civil engineering department, Bridges landed a summer internship that he said helped him learn what a job in civil engineering entails. Bridges believes the internship not only added to his resume, but also showed him that civil engineering is what he enjoys doing. “I get more out of working on projects like I got to do this summer and seeing them to the end, rather than getting the answer for problem 5.3 that is in the back of the book,” he said. Avant said that building a career wardrobe does not have to be expensive. She suggests buying one suit. For men and women, the suit should be a neutral color such as black, navy blue or gray. Though this is an investment, places like JCPenny’s, Belk and TJ Maxx

often have nice suits for affordable prices according to Avant. Chapman said that women should wear a collared shirt and dark pumps with a suit when going to job interviews. For men, a collared shirt, a tie and dress shoes are appropriate. “There is a difference in dressing up and dressing professionally,” said Chapman. “Dressing up is like The Grove wear — cute little dress, high heels — and we see a lot of that, but cute is not appropriate for the business world.” “People who don’t care enough to put out the effort to dress appropriately have usually dug themselves a hole that they can’t climb out of in the first interview to be invited back,” said Eddy Stokes, president of Insurance Solutions Center. Chapman also suggests for women to be very simple. Hair should be out of your face, makeup should be light and jewelry should be understated. For men, the tie that accompany’s your suit should not be distracting with a vivid print and your socks should be the same color as your shoes, preferably black. “There is a lot of prep that goes into interviews,” Chapman said. “As much as you would think you can wing it, there are so many little things that you need to prepare for that you might not have known.” The first thing to do, according to Avant, is research the company. Know your desired employer, because if you can plug in that knowledge during the interview, it shows that you are dedicated to the company. Belvin, an education graduate, learned this lesson the hard way.

“Study up on where you are going because they are going to ask you questions that are like, ‘What do you want to know about us?’ and you need to have questions prepared to ask them,” said Belvin. “That was one thing that caught me off guard.” Avant and Chapman both recommend participating in mock interviews provided by the university’s career center. Practice will help you adapt to answering difficult questions. The mock interviews are also conducted in a way in which questions are asked specifically concerning the interviewee and they are conducted as if they are an actual interview. “Many employers use a method called behavioral interviewing, which is where they get the student to give them an example of a real experience that they’ve had that might address their ability to work in teams, leadership style or going above and beyond the call of duty, when things went really well or when they didn’t,” Avant said. Belvin applied to every position she could find and went to every interview she was asked to attend. “When I started to get callbacks, no matter who it was or where it was, or even if I had already taken a job, I would try to go to the interview and so that would be my main tip,” Belvin said. “No matter if you want the job or not, go to the interview because it gives you good experience at answering questions and also you may meet somebody that can help you later on because you are networking and meeting people in your field.”

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Backpacks to Briefcase, student-athletes learn dinner etiquette

BY ELLIE TURNER
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The thought of being in a professional setting can be frightening to students.

The Ole Miss Athletics Department, along with the Ole Miss M-Club Alumni Chapter, had this in mind when organizing a “Backpack to Briefcase” dinner for junior and senior athletes.

The Monday night dinner, located at The Ole Miss Inn, was the 14th year that the dinner has been organized to prepare student-athletes for life beyond their sport.

The 78 students who participated in the dinner were divided randomly to sit at 10 tables with one host. The host is a business professional who guided the athletes in the proper way to eat.

Career Center Director Toni Avant was the facilitator, and she started the night by explaining how many students are accustomed to eating on the go because we live in a world where fast food restaurants are practically on every corner.

“It is a good idea for you to learn how to manage a meal that is more than a cheeseburger or Abner’s or whatever else our students enjoy on the run,” Avant said.

Avant went through proper etiquette at the dinner table, including passing the salt and pepper shakers together, not splitting bread, smearing butter over the



Student-athletes were taught business dinner etiquette at the 14th annual “Backpack to Briefcase” event hosted in part by the Ole Miss Athletics Department and the Ole Miss M-Club Alumni Chapter.

whole thing and never placing dirty utensils on the linen. The event even covered how to place your napkin in your lap.

“Either in interviews or at conferences, you are always eating around your colleagues or people who are interviewing you, so eating, communicating is good education whether they know it now, or know it later,” said Steven Cox, an intern for student athletics.

One of the table hosts, Miriam Knight, works at First National Bank of Oxford.

She said that not only will they learn proper table etiquette, she would also give tips on resume and

interview.

“It’s important for student athletes to be fully prepared when they enter the workforce to know what to expect,” Knight said. “This is going to be something a little more hands on from what they would learn in a class.”

Associate Athletics Director for Internal Operations Jamil Northcutt was a student-athlete at Ole Miss, and he said he wants the students to learn about professional development and to know skills that will set them apart from every one else.

“You’ve seen people that don’t know what fork to use or where



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their glass is, they grab the wrong glass, somebody else’s glass,” Northcutt said. “We want our kids to be prepared for life after sport and also right now.”

Northcutt explained the importance of confidence and knowing what to do makes you confident.

He went further to share his own experience concerning the importance of first impressions. At a conference he attended as a student he was noticed by a professional who later suggested he send his resume in for an internship. He was noticed because of the impression he made.

Junior education major Erinn

Jayjohn is a softball player who thinks that sometimes people may not take athletes serious, so the event will help them learn how to present themselves in a formal setting.

“I think it’s important because we have to be able to go from our sport to interviews with business professionals and I think it’s important to know what kind of environment we are going to be in in the future,” Jayjohn said.

Before the dinner, Northcutt said a few things for the athletes to take away and use in life.

“Professionalism is key to being successful in life,” he said.

Salsa dancing classes to be offered at the Luckyday RC

BY KRISTEN PETERS
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Salsa dancing is HOT! With its fast-paced movements and

intimate partner contact, salsa dancing is also a great way to stay in shape both physically and mentally. Now, every Wednesday, University of Mississippi

students, faculty and Oxford community members will have the opportunity to learn exactly how to master this dance style. Daniel Peña, a teaching assistant and graduate student, will teach the class.

A graduate of Florida State University, Peña has been teaching salsa for four years and served as president of the Salsa Group at FSU.

“When I was searching for schools to go to for my master’s degree, I knew that I had something different to bring to the table with my dancing,” Peña said.

“We have already had four classes, each with a diverse population, from experienced dancers to students who have never had any past experience,” Peña said.

Individual expression is something Peña holds close to his heart, and he stresses it in all of his classes. Even though he is working toward becoming a college administrator, he sees salsa dancing as his particular form of individual expression.

“Individual expression is huge to me,” he said. “I believe that (students) come to college to find their way. If I can teach

someone to find their individual expression, then I believe that I have done my job well.”

A native of Miami, Peña has been surrounded by salsa dancing his whole life. He sees salsa as a way to stay in touch with his culture and heritage.

Salsa dancing itself is also important to Peña as well as to his students. The particular form of salsa Peña teaches is known as Casino or “Miami” style dancing. Casino style salsa is known for its fast-paced movements, multiple-partner changes and intimate patterns. Salsa dancing has its origins in Cuba and usually requires a partner. However, according to Peña, a partner is not required in order to be a successful salsa dancer.

“You do not have to bring a partner; as long as you’re a member of the community with an open mind, come on out to experience something out of the ordinary,” Peña said as he explained the structure of salsa dancing.

With college comes a hectic lifestyle, which can be calmed through the “cleansing” act of dance. Salsa, with its exciting movements, has the power to exercise the body as well as the

mind.

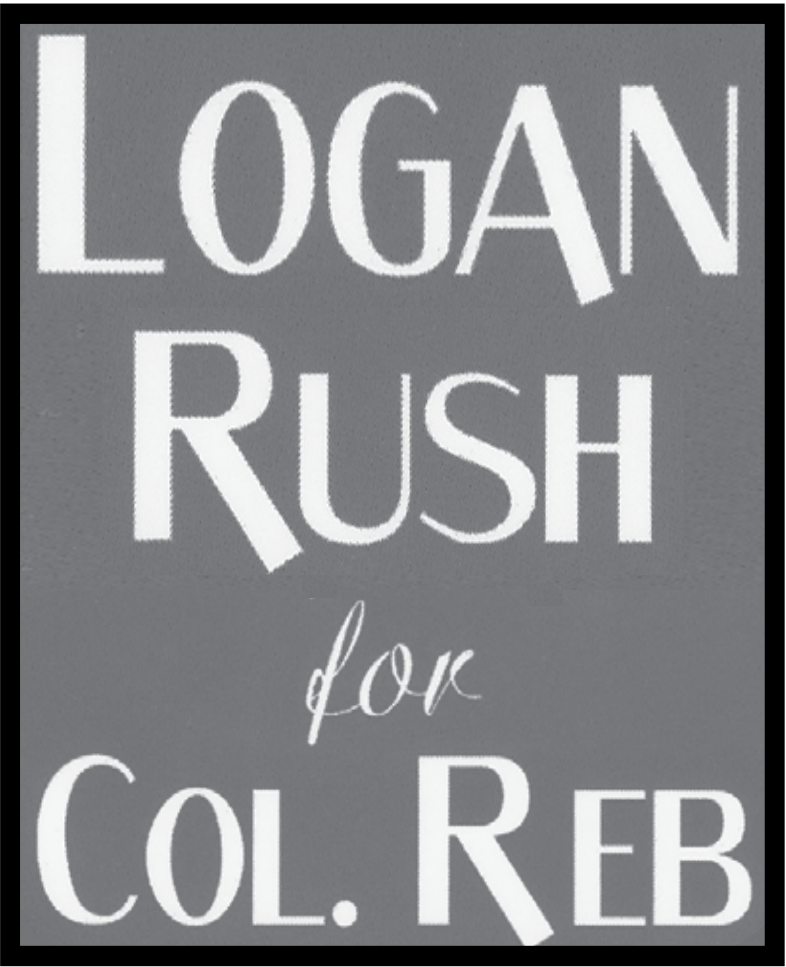
According to LatinDancePro.com, “per hour of salsa dancing, a 100 lb. dancer will burn 264 calories per hour, a 150 lb. person will burn 396 calories and a 175 lb. person will burn 462 calories.”

Aside from the physical benefits salsa gives, the mental benefits of the dance are numerous.

“I am the me who I want to be when I dance,” Peña said. “I love dance, and it is something I want to share with others.”

The salsa lessons will be held every Wednesday in the Luckyday Residential College courtyard. All skill levels are welcome, from beginners to accomplished dancers, and the lessons are free.

Classes will be held from 7-9 p.m. Beginner lessons run from 7-8 p.m. with an open dance floor and a question and answer session starting at 8 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m. The class will begin with a warm-up and will lead into Peña helping students break down the dance moves being taught. The last 30 minutes of class will give students the opportunity to dance with a partner. Peña’s class has experienced much success.



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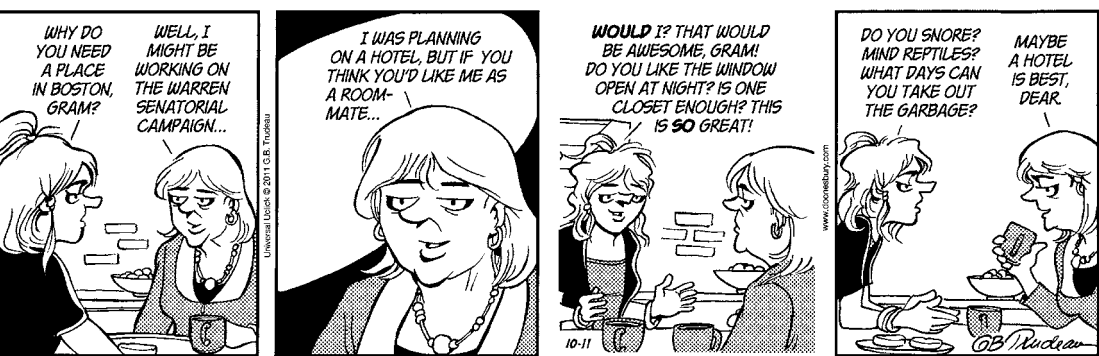
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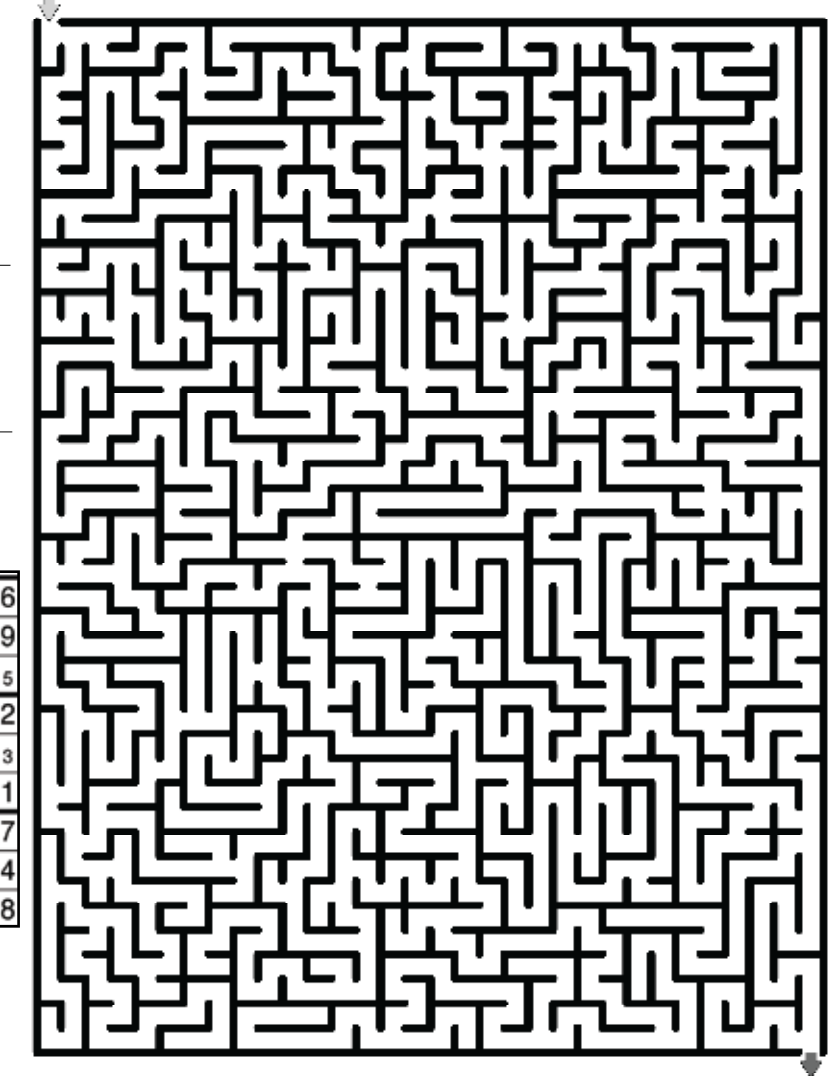
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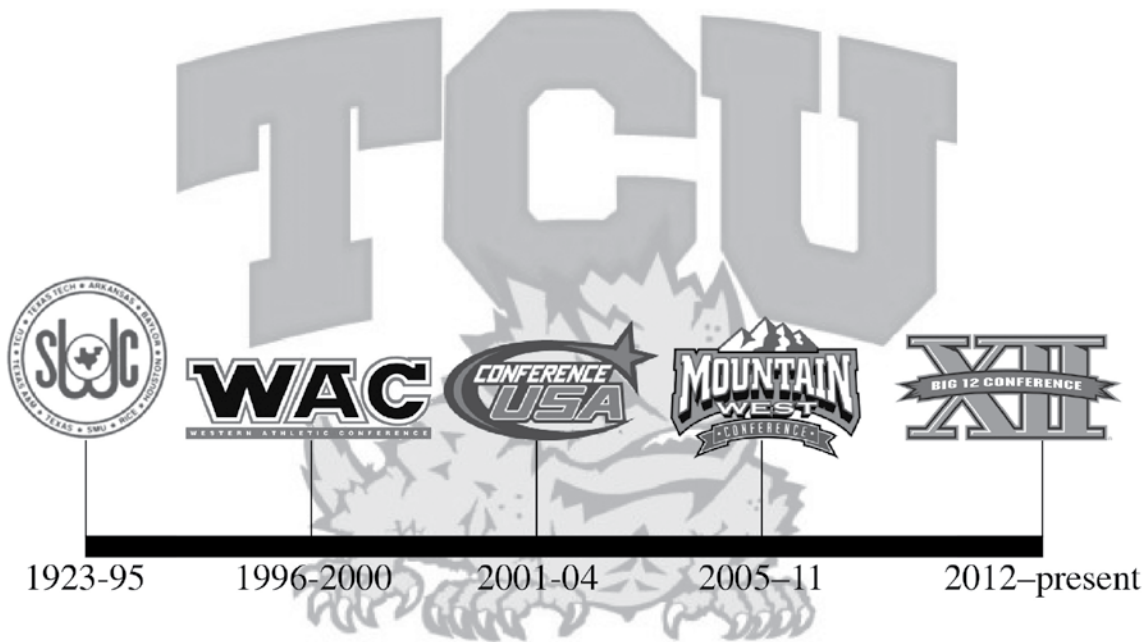
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TCU accepts invitation to join Big 12



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TCU's conference affiliation from 1923 to the present, not including the Big East, which it was set to join before Monday's announcement.

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — TCU accepted an invitation to join the Big 12 on Monday night, seizing an opportunity to be a part of a conference with natural geographic rivals despite the league's recent instability.

The board of trustees unanimously approved the move and Chancellor Victor Boschini Jr. made the expected announcement in front a packed room of more than 200 people.

Athletic director Chris Del Conte fought back tears as he recalled receiving the phone call from the Horned Frogs' new conference last week.

"This is living proof that dreams do come true," he said.

The move could provide some much-needed stability for the Big 12, which lost Nebraska (Big Ten) and Colorado (Pac-12) over the summer and will lose Texas A&M to the Southeastern Conference next year. Missouri is also exploring a move to the SEC.

TCU has a strong football background that includes celebrated athletes from the 1930s - including Heisman Trophy winner Davey O'Brien and All-American Sammy Baugh, who both played in the NFL. More recent alums include New York Jets running back LaDainian Tomlinson and Cincinnati Bengals rookie quarterback Andy Dalton.

The Horned Frogs went 13-0 last season and won the Rose Bowl. They also went undefeated in the 2009 regular season, then lost to Boise State in the Fiesta Bowl.

"It was a challenge winning the Rose Bowl ... and there's been a lot of people that told us we couldn't do a lot of different things, and so we're going to take it one step at a time," football coach Gary Patterson said after the announcement.

"It's not going to be easy ... but I do believe that if the Big

12 did not feel like we couldn't be competitive in the league, then they wouldn't have asked us."

Patterson said the financial benefit of being in the Big 12 and resuming those rivalries also will help Fort Worth.

"Are you going to win 10 to 12 games every year? Probably not," Patterson said.

"But the key is ... to have a chance to challenge for the conference title, always try to get back to bowl games, and that's going to be our goal is to do it like we've always done it: one game at a time."

Big 12 Interim Commissioner Chuck Neinas told the crowd that TCU has an outstanding academic record as well as athletics.

"Chancellor, TCU has traveled a long path, been to different places. Sir, I'd like to welcome you home," Neinas said.

TCU currently competes in the Mountain West Conference and was set to join the Big East next July. Instead, the Big 12 went public with its interest in TCU last week and set the stage for the private university to stay closer to home. It officially joins the Big 12 on July 1.

Del Conte said TCU will not be required to give the 27 months' notice to leave the Big East but must pay the exit fee. He declined to confirm it was the \$5 million required by the Big East policy.

Several Big 12 coaches welcomed the idea of having TCU in the league.

"They're an excellent program," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said.

"You see what they've been doing throughout the year. I love the proximity for the fans. It's another game that's relatively close and in this region, so I think it's great."

Also Monday, Big East school leaders authorized the

conference to add enough members to have 12 teams for football. With Syracuse and Pittsburgh leaving for the Atlantic Coast Conference, the Big East would be down to six football schools without TCU: West Virginia, Louisville, Cincinnati, South Florida, Rutgers and Connecticut.

SEC leaders also met Monday for their regularly scheduled fall session but took no action on expansion.

The league will have 13 members once Texas A&M joins in July, leading to speculation about whether Missouri or other schools will be added to balance things out.

As for the Big 12, adding TCU would give it 10 members going into next season without further changes.

Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said he has "always been in favor of a Big 12 Conference with 12 teams, and two divisions and a championship."

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jobs dependent on pro basketball's six-month-plus season. A few teams have already trimmed their staffs and more layoffs could be forthcoming.

Then there are those who don't work directly for an NBA team but who still depend on the excitement the league brings to town. Ushers, security personnel, parking lot attendants, concession workers, restaurant employees and others all stand to have their hours cut or join the country's 14 million unemployed.

The success of last season, on the court, at the box office and in the headlines, convinced many that the sides would never reach this point.

But small-market owners were hardened after watching LeBron James leave Cleveland for Miami, Amare Stoudemire bolt Phoenix for New York, and Carmelo Anthony later use his impending free agency as leverage to secure a trade from Denver to the Knicks. They wanted changes that would allow them to hold onto their superstars

and compete for titles with the big-spending teams from Los Angeles, Boston and Dallas who have gobbled up the last four championships.

Owners locked out the players July 1 when they couldn't reach a deal before the expiration of the old collective bargaining agreement. Opening night was scheduled for Nov. 1.

As the lockout drags on, Stern's legacy as one of sports' best commissioners is weakened.

He turned 69 last month, and although he hasn't said when he will retire, he did say this will be his last CBA negotiation after nearly 28 years running the league.

He has insisted all along he wouldn't worry about the damage to his reputation and that his only concern would be getting the deal his owners need.

It's uncertain when that will be. The sides didn't agree until Jan. 6 in 1999, just before the deadline for canceling that entire season. The league ended up with a 50-game schedule, often plagued by poor play as teams were forced to fit too many games into too small of a window.

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cruiting. It's not going to help people's inside or outside view of Ole Miss."

When asked about what Ole Miss fans do not understand about his job, Boone said he believed complexity was the biggest issue.

"There are so many underlying issues to everything; it's not as simple as 'do this, do that.'"

Boone said he wanted to make it clear that everything

he does is to better Ole Miss.

"The issue is when I go to bed at night, I can go to sleep because everything I've done that day has been done of what's in the best interest of Ole Miss," he said. "It's been above board, it's been with integrity, it's been transparent; anything we've got is open."

Boone said he doesn't regret any decision, even though he realizes not every decision he's made is right. He said he reviews his decisions and tries not to make the same mistake twice. He said he has to look forward to the future and learn from his mistakes.

Nutt, Mackey praise the Alabama defense



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Junior quarterback Randall Mackey tip-toes out of bounds at Vanderbilt last month. Mackey will make his second career start Saturday against Alabama.

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As Ole Miss prepares to face its toughest test of the season with No. 2 Alabama rolling into town Saturday, much of the Rebels' focus is on how to move the ball against a very good Crimson Tide defense.

Alabama comes into the game as the nation's top scoring defense (7 points per game) and is also ranked No. 3 in the country in total defense (191.3 yards per game).

"You're looking at one of the best teams in the country, bar none," head coach Houston Nutt said. "Defensively, it goes without saying, there have been very few teams that have been able to move the ball on this group. They have just outstanding quickness and toughness. They fly around the ball and they create problems and

turnovers."

Nutt said the Alabama defense gives offenses "so many different looks, especially the secondary." He mentioned one player in particular for his versatility: Alabama senior linebacker Courtney Upshaw, who leads the SEC with 8.5 tackles for loss.

"They give (Courtney) Upshaw the name Jack," Nutt said. "Coach Gruden calls those guys jokers because they are good at all hands. He can be a rush end, he can drop, he can move and just does so many things. You have to know where he is located."

For the Ole Miss offense, it starts with getting the ground game going early. Achieving that goal will be easier said than done Saturday against an Alabama defense that is the nation's best in rush defense, allowing just over 39 rushing

yards per game.

"The main thing they do is stop the run," Nutt said. "They give up very little yardage running the football. When you watch these teams, they've all tried (to run the ball), but it doesn't happen and they don't get very many yards."

Ole Miss junior quarterback Randall Mackey will make the second start of his career against the Crimson Tide. In his first start, a 38-28 win over Fresno State, Mackey completed 8 of 18 passes for 214 yards and a touchdown. Looking ahead to Alabama, he knows it will be a challenge to move the ball against the nation's fourth-ranked pass defense (151.5 yards per game).

"Most of the time, as you watch Alabama, they give you pretty much nothing," Mackey said. "You've got to earn everything you get."

Nutt agreed and acknowledged that the Alabama secondary will present a tough test Saturday.

"Their secondary does so many good things as far as with man coverage," he said. "They give you the perception that it is going to be man coverage and all of a sudden they trade off on crossing routes. You think it's going to be a big play. And all of the sudden, the corner lets them go to the next zone, jumps off and hits the crossing route right in the mouth."

It will be a challenge for the Ole Miss offense to move the ball and score points Saturday, but Nutt is excited about the chance to do so.

"We are excited about this opportunity," he said. "This is one of the best Alabama teams to have been around in a while."

Ole Miss respects No. 2 Alabama, but not intimidated

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Nutt impressed with McCarron

Alabama sophomore starting quarterback A.J. McCarron has impressed so far, as he continues to get more comfortable in his first year as a starter. In this past week's 34-0 shutout of Vanderbilt, McCarron threw for career highs with 23 completions, 237 yards and four touchdowns.

"Well he's not turning it over, that is number one," head coach Houston Nutt said. "He's not turning the ball over, doing an excellent job of taking care of the ball. Of course, it helps when your best friend is (Trent Richardson), where you can turn

around and hand him the ball. It takes a lot of the pressure off."

Through six games this season, McCarron has thrown for just over 1,100 yards and eight touchdowns with only two interceptions.

"They pick and choose their spots with him, but he doesn't force it," Nutt said. "He doesn't make errors and throw it to the other team. They protect the ball, and that's the number one thing he does so well at quarterback. It is the most important thing you have and that is what he does."

Battles continue on the offensive line

The Rebels have a good bit of competition going on in the interior of the offensive line this week, as jobs are up



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LEFT: Sophomore wide receiver Ja-Mes Logan CENTER: Junior cornerback Wesley Pendleton RIGHT: Sophomore center Evan Swindall

for grabs at both the center and left guard positions.

"We'll see how the week goes, but we've been working really hard with AJ (Hawkins) and Evan Swindall (at center)," Nutt said. "Patrick Junen is back in the mix at left guard, (along with) Aaron Morris. I just think it has been a good battle there and everyone is working hard to compete."

"We'll decide later on this week who is actually going to start, but again, you have got to come to work every day. We'll find out who is going to be the best and we are going to put the best ones out there."

Swindall, a sophomore from LaFayette, Ga., has impressed the coaching staff with his hard work, and that effort has put him in contention to fight for a starting job.

"I really think that he's worked hard and his intensity is good," Nutt said. "His practice habits have been outstanding. It's easy, sometimes, to just get on the sideline, thinking 'I'm not going to play, and I'm just going to kind of go through the motions' and their practice habits reflect that. He has been the exact opposite and that's what you appreciate about Evan."

Rebels not fazed as big underdogs

Ole Miss players aren't too worried about being an underdog, even though Alabama is currently favored by 25 points or more Saturday, depending on your sports book of choice. For the first time since 2002, Alabama is a 20-point or more favorite on the road in the SEC.

"We are underdogs, but we

feel like it's a great game to get our season back and become a better team," junior cornerback Wesley Pendleton said. "We know Alabama is real good, maybe the best team in the country. We have a lot of respect for them, but we're just going to try and play hard and come out with a win."

For wide receiver Ja-Mes Logan, being an underdog this Saturday isn't anything new.

"We expect it," he said. "We've always been underdogs to everyone we've played this year, so it's nothing new."

Ole Miss-Arkansas game time set

The game time for Ole Miss and Arkansas on Oct. 22 has been set for an 11:21 a.m. CT kickoff and will be televised by the SEC Network, the Southeastern Conference announced Monday.

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